


ANNUAL REPORTS

**TOWN OF
CHESTER**



**For the Year Ending
DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST
1953**



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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

**Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk,
Highway Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds**

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31

1953

News-Enterprise Press

Derry, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS 1953

MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Carrie A. Richardson

SELECTMEN

Philip G. Hazelton, 1954

John A. West, 1955

Austin C. Hunt, 1956

OVERSEER OF POOR

Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN TREASURER

Florence L. Herrick

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

REPRESENTATIVE

Robert C. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICERS

Lester J. Lewis, Chief

Wilbur P. Hunt, Special

Edward E. Griffin, Special

Walter Crawford, Special

Maurice Colman, Special

Charles Olivier, Special

George Pettigrew, Special and Dog Officer

Fred MacDonald, Special and Custodian of Town Dump

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ernest S. Edwards

Alvah G. Healey

Edward E. Griffin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Mildred F. Hunt, 1954 Eugene E. Gannon, 1955
Walter P. Tenney, 1956

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ella A. Allen, 1954 Maurice G. Colman, 1955
Rose C. Learnard, 1956

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Josiah C. Richardson, 1954 Harry C. Edwards, 1955
Bert Warren, 1956

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Byron D. Mills, 1954 Charles A. Morse, 1955
William B. Wason, 1956 Austin C. Hunt, 1957
Maurice G. Colman, 1958

TRUSTEES OF THE WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME

Farish G. Lewis, 1954 (Deceased) Byron D. Mills, 1955
Ella A. Allen, 1956 Philip G. Hazelton, 1957
Austin C. Hunt, 1958

TOWN AUDITORS

John H. True William M. Hardy
Russell Underwood

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Russell Underwood Eugene Tenney
John True Samuel Douglas
Robert C. Hazelton

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt
Tel. 19-3 Chester, N. H.

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett
Tel. 4-4 Chester, N. H.

CUSTODIAN OF STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL

Edward E. Griffin

LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE LEADER

Maj. Walter Smith

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the county of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: (L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: Propose to close polls at 6 o'clock, article 2, and all articles thereafter to be taken up at 8 P. M.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$549.01 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$3,660.05.
6. To see if the Town will appropriate the necessary amount to repair and gravel the North Pond Road.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and its share of the cost of Old Age Assistance.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department and any balance of the appropriations at the end of the year, to be placed in the hands of the Trustees of Trust Funds to purchase Fire Equipment.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 towards the purchase of a new Fire Truck to be used with the money already in the hands of the Trustees of Trust Funds for the purchase of Fire Equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2,500.00. \$1,500.00 to be paid in 1955. \$1,000.00 to be paid in 1956.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540.08 for Street Lights.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190.00 to install and maintain a Flashing Light, Red and Amber, at the intersection of Routes 121 and 102.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Dump.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of Cemeteries.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day. Part to be used for Sports at Playground.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths and to prune or remove trees bordering the highways.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding 1/100 of one per cent of the Town's Valuation based

on the 1953 assessment, to the Merrimac Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town in cooperation with the other 37 communities in this region, or act in relation thereto.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense.

20. To hear the report of a committee previously appointed regarding a memorial for veterans of World War II and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase and erection of the same.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to retire the Great Hill Cemetery Notes.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay into the Town Treasury the sum of \$728.00 it being the amount used for advance payment on Wilcomb Townsend Home account.

23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the land where the Old Town Hall and Academy stood. The same to be sold at Public Auction.

24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town, through Tax Collectors' deeds, at Public Auction.

25. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee to bring in recommendation for zoning laws for the Town and report at the next annual meeting.

26. To see if the Town will vote to accept certain Funds willed to the Town by Arthur H. Wilcomb (Approximately \$7,500.00) to be held in trust for the benefit of the Wilcomb Townsend Home and to pass any vote relating thereto.

27. To see if the Town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and other property within the Town to equalize valuation in accordance to law, and raise and appropriate money for the purpose.

28. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

29. To see what discount will be allowed on April 1954 assessment of taxes paid on or before August 1, 1954, or within ten days of presentation of tax bill, and take any vote relating thereto.

30. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

31. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four.

Philip G. Hazelton
John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
* Selectmen of Chester

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Philip G. Hazelton
John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Selectmen of Chester

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January
Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan-

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax --	\$1,000.00	\$2,940.87	\$2,500.00
Railroad Tax -----	5.00	10.64	5.00
Savings Bank Tax -----	150.00	149.43	140.00
For Fighting Forest Fires --		11.73	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses -----	350.00	425.53	350.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees -----	5.00	14.00	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings -----	150.00	88.00	150.00
Income from Trust Funds ---		816.49	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees ---	2,800.00	3,763.24	3,500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	800.00	910.00	900.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	17.00	17.00
Total Revenue From All Sources Except Property Taxes -----	5,275.00	9,146.93	7,572.00

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1, 1954 to December 31, 1954 Compared with Estimates and Actual
uary 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual		Estimated
	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries -----	\$1,800.00	\$1,711.72	\$1,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses ----	800.00	882.59	875.00
Election and Registration Expenses -----	200.00	88.15	400.00
Expense Town Hall and Other Town buildings -----	2,200.00	2,115.83	2,200.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department -----	125.00	72.50	125.00
Fire Department -----	1,400.00	1,412.73	1,200.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees -----	100.00	100.00	200.00
Insurance -----			600.00
Civil Defense -----	100.00	54.94	100.00
Health:			
Health Department, Including			
Hospitals -----	50.00	49.10	50.00
Vital Statistics -----	30.00	21.00	30.00
Town Dump -----	300.00	487.22	300.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer _	4,000.00	3,955.55	4,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter --	2,500.00	773.16	2,500.00
Street Lighting -----	1,540.08	1,540.08	1,540.08
General Expenses of Highway Department -----	800.00	428.17	800.00
Town Road Aid -----	594.48	594.48	549.01
Libraries -----	400.00	400.00	400.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor -----	1,600.00	2,663.11	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance -----	1,300.00	1,755.01	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Association -----	150.00	95.64	100.00

BUDGET (Continued)

BUDGET (Continued)

Recreation:

Parks and Playground, Incl.

Band Concerts -----	150.00	68.00	150.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries -----	175.00	180.00	175.00
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses,

Incl. Dog Damages -----		99.50	100.00
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Advertising and Regional Assn.	90.00	90.00	100.00
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Interest:

On Temporary Loans -----	202.50	52.50	185.00
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Taxes Bought by Town -----

2,479.77

Abatements, Discounts, Refunds

408.73

State Head Tax -----

3,140.48

Payment on Principal of Debt:

(b) Long Term Notes -----	500.00	500.00	500.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes -----	3,084.51	3,084.51	3,200.00
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School Taxes -----	38,721.17	42,979.87	
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Total Expenditures -----

\$62,912.74

\$72,344.34

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Title of Appropriations	Fiscal Year Appro- priations	Receipts & Reim- bursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	\$1,711.72	\$88.28	
Town Officers Expenses	800.00		800.00	882.59		\$82.59
Election and Registration	200.00		200.00	88.15	111.85	
Police Department	125.00		125.00	72.50	72.50	
Health Department	50.00		50.00	49.10	.90	
Vital Statistics	30.00		30.00	21.00	9.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00		150.00	68.00	82.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	202.50		202.50	52.50	150.00	
Summer Maintenance	4,000.00	182.00	4,182.00	3,955.55	226.45	
Winter Maintenance	2,500.00	72.00	2,572.00	773.16	1,798.84	
General Exp. Highway Dept.	800.00		800.00	428.17	371.83	
Town Road Aid	594.48		594.48	594.48		
Stevens Memorial Hall, Maint. ..	2,200.00	88.00	2,288.00	2,175.83	112.17	
Old Age Assistance	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,755.01		455.01
Town Poor	1,600.00	817.49	2,417.49	2,663.11		245.62
Fire Department	1,400.00	5.90	1,405.90	1,412.73		6.83
Street Lights	1,540.08		1,540.08	1,540.08		

Town Dump	300.00	300.00	487.22	187.22
Library	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Cemeteries	175.00	175.00	180.00	5.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	95.64	
Moth Control	100.00	100.00	100.00	54.36
Merrimack Valley Reg. Ass'n.	90.00	90.00	90.00	
Civil Defense	100.00	100.00	54.94	45.06
Great Hill Cem. Notes Retired	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Totals	\$21,107.06	\$1,165.39	\$22,272.45	\$3,103.24
			\$20,151.48	\$982.27
				\$2,120.97
County Tax			\$3,084.51	
Damage by Dogs			74.00	
Taxes Bought by Town			2,479.77	
Wrong Tax Refunds			408.73	
Head Tax			3,140.48	
School Tax			42,979.87	
Legal Expenses			25.50	
Totals			\$72,344.34	

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Town of Chester in Rockingham County for the
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Dated Feb. 12, 1953

Philip G. Hazelton
John A. West
Austin C. Hunt
Selectmen

Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONTINUED

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	\$10,948.05
Capital Reserve Funds : (For the acquisition of equipment and new construction)	
Fire Equipment	521.47
Accounts Due to the Town :	
Forest Fire Account	17.60
Unredeemed Taxes :	
Levy 1952	1,215.17
Levy 1951	741.11
Previous Years	10.97
Uncollected Taxes :	
Levy 1953	10,086.71
State Head Tax Levy 1953	330.00
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	\$23,871.08

LIABILITIES

Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	\$2,195.80
State Head Tax—1953 (Uncollected)	330.00
Due to School District:	
Balance of Appropriation	3,221.17
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Offsets similar Asset Account	521.47
Long Term Notes Outstanding	1,000.00
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	\$7,268.44
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	16,602.64
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	\$23,871.08

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue :

From Local Taxes :

Property Taxes—Current Year 1953	\$43,860.70	
Poll Taxes—Current Year—Reg. @ \$2	804.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1953	17.00	
Yield Tax—1953	1,561.81	
State Head Tax—1953 @ \$5	2,315.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes		
Collected and Remitted		\$48,558.51
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes		
Previous Years		11,679.76
Poll Taxes—Previous Years, Reg. @ \$2		106.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 Previous Years		355.00
Interest received on Taxes		373.86
Penalties on State Head Taxes		35.50
Tax Sales Redeemed		1,988.69

From State :

Interest and Dividend Tax	2,940.87	
Railroad Tax	10.64	
Savings Bank Tax	149.43	
Fighting Forest Fires	11.73	
State Head Taxes—Reimbursement	15.67	3,128.34

From Local Sources, Except Taxes :

Dog Licenses	425.53	
Filing Fees	14.00	
Rent of Town Property	342.00	
Income from Trust Funds	816.49	
Income from Departments	6.90	
Registration of Motor Vehicles,		
1952 Permits	369.34	
Registration of Motor Vehicles,		
1953 Permits	3,393.90	5,368.16

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$71,593.82	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	11,698.57	
Grand Total	\$83,292.39	

CLASSIFICATION

Payments

For the Year Ended December 31, 1953

PAYMENTS

General Government :

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,711.72
Town Officers' Expenses	882.59
Election and Registration Expenses	88.15
Expenses Town Hall	2,175.83

Protection of Persons and Property :

Police Department	72.50
Fire Dept. including Forest Fires	891.26
Moth Extermination	100.00
Damage by Dogs	74.00
Civil Defense	54.94

Health :

Health Department	49.10
Vital Statistics	21.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	487.22

Highways and Bridges :

Town Road Aid	594.48
Town Maintenance :	
Summer—\$3,955.55—Winter \$773.16 ..	4,728.71
Street Lighting	1,540.08
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	428.17

Library :

Library	400.00
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Public Welfare :

Old Age Assistance	1,755.01
Town Poor	2,663.11

Patriotic Purposes :

Memorial Day and Veteran's Ass'n.	95.64
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Recreation :

Parks and Playgrounds	68.00
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Public Service Enterprise :

Cemeteries	180.00
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RECEIPTS and

Grand Total

\$83,292.39

PAYMENTS (Continued)

Unclassified :

Damages and Legal Expenses	25.50
Advertising and Reginal Association ..	90.00
Taxes bought by Town	2,479.77
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds	408.73

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$22,065.51
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Interest :

Paid on Principal of Trust Funds	
Used By Town	52.50

Total Interest Payment	52.50
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Indebtedness :

Payment to Trustees of Trust Funds	
Balance of Fire Appropriation	521.47

Total Indebtedness Payment	521.47
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Payment to other Governmental Divisions :

Paid to State Treasurer :

State Head Taxes	3,140.48
Trustees of Trust Funds, Retired Notes	500.00

3,640.48

Tax Paid to County	3,084.51
Payments to School District 1952-1954	42,979.87

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	49,704.86
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$72,344.34
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1953	10,948.05
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Grand Total	\$83,292.39
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1953

Valuation April 1st, 1953

Land and Bulidings	\$1,151.160.00
Electric Plants	73,357.00
Horses, 28	1,800.00
Cows, 209	28,625.00
Other Neat Stock, 15	985.00
Sheep and Goats, 22	260.00
Fowls and Pigeons, 7,735	6,575.00
Fur Bearing Animals, 295	2,360.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	4,340.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 10	1,540.00
Stock in Trade	18,425.00
Mills and Machinery	3,310.00
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Total Valuation	1,292,737.00
Blind and Soldiers' Exemptions	56,745.00
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	\$1,235.992.00

APPROPRIATIONS

The following is a correct listing of the appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting held March 10, 1953.

Article 2—Town Charges

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	\$3,357.50
To defray Town Charges	
Town Officers Salaries	\$1,800.00
Town Officers Expenses	800.00
Election and Registration	200.00
Police Department	125.00
Health Department	50.00
Vital Statistics	30.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	202.50

Article 4—Highways

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	\$7,300.00
Summer Maintenance	4,000.00
Winter Maintenance	2,500.00
General Expenses	800.00

Article 5—Class 5 Roads	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	594.48

Article 6—Stevens Memorial Hall	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	\$2,200.00
For the maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall	

Article 7—Town Poor	
Old Age Assistance	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	2,900.00
Town Poor	1,600.00
Old Age Assistance	1,300.00

Article 8—Fire Department	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	1,400.00
To defray the general expenses of the	
Fire Department	

Article 9—Street Lights	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	\$1,540.08
For Street Lights	

Article 10—Town Dump	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	300.00
For Care of Town Dump	

Article 11—Chester Free Public Library	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	400.00
To defray the expense of Chester Free	
Public Library	

Article 12—Cemeteries	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	175.00
For maintenance of Cemeteries	

Article 13—Memorial Day	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	150.00
For Memorial Day	

Article 14—Moth and Pruning Trees	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	100.00
For the destruction of Moths and	
Pruning Trees	

Article 15—Merrimack Valley Region Association	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	90.00
For the Merrimack Valley Region Assn.	

Article 16—Civil Defense	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	100.00
For Civil Defense	

Article 18—Cemetery Notes	
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of	500.00
To retire part of the Great Hill Cemetery Notes	

Grand Total 1953 Appropriations	\$21,107.06
Net Amount Raised by Taxation	\$53,642.30
Poll Taxes	918.00
National Bank Stock	17.00
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	\$54,577.30
Tax Rate on One Hundred Dollars	\$4.34

LIABILITIES

Great Hill Cemetery Notes

William White	\$75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Hannah Williams	50.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
Henry Moore	60.00
Samuel Parker	40.00
Lot Knowles	50.00
Charles H. Knowles	50.00
Charles Stevens	60.00
Oren F. Page	40.00
Hills Stevens	50.00
David Lane	70.00
Caroline M. Hall	50.00
Parker Morse	50.00
George Marden	50.00
James W. Gordon	50.00
James H. Hardy	50.00
George West	50.00
George H. Jack	60.00

Amos Hazelton	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt	50.00
Augustus Morse	50.00
Charles F. True	50.00
French Heath	50.00
Mary Merrill	25.00
Hannah Sawyer	50.00
James DeLeskey	75.00
W. F. Warren	50.00
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	\$1,500.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
of the Town of Chester, N. H. for the
year ending December 31, 1953

Receipts

Cash balance from 1952 account		\$11,698.57
Tax Collector:		
Property Tax 1949	\$ 9.88	
Property Tax, 1950	482.91	
Property Tax, 1951	379.27	
Property Tax, 1952	12,596.57	
Property Tax, 1953	43,860.70	57,329.33
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Timber Tax, 1952	199.82	
Timber Tax, 1953	1,561.81	1,761.63
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Head Tax, 1951	5.00	
Head Tax, 1952	350.00	
Head Tax, 1953	2,315.00	2,670.00
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Head Tax Fines, 195150	
Head Tax Fines, 1952	24.50	
Head Tax Fines, 1953	10.50	35.50
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Poll Taxes, 1952	106.00	
Poll Taxes, 1953	804.00	910.00
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Interest, 1949	7.88	
Interest, 1950	80.42	
Interest, 1951	27.51	
Interest, 1952	247.98	

Interest, 1953	10.07	373.86
National Bank Stock		17.00
Town Clerk:		
Auto Taxes	3,763.24	
Dog Tax	425.53	
Filing Fees, 1952 and 1953	14.00	4,202.77
State of New Hampshire:		
Dividend Tax	2,940.87	
Savings Bank Tax	149.43	
Railroad Tax	10.64	
Part payment fire suppression costs	11.73	
State Head Tax Reimbursement	12.72	
	2.95	3,128.34
Rent of Hall		74.00
Hardy Poultry Farm		72.00
Town of Fremont, Use of Grader		52.50
Town of Sandown, Use of Grader		87.50
Doris Stapleford		5.90
Henry Lemay		42.00
U. S. Naval Base, Portsmouth, N. H.		1.00
Money from Gas Meter		14.00
Trustees of Trust Funds		816.49
		<hr/> \$83,292.39
Paid Selectmen's Orders No. 603—821		72,344.34
Cash on Hand		<hr/> \$10,948.05
	Florence L. Herrick, Treasurer	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

There were 166 dog licenses issued during the year from March 11, 1953 to December 31, 1953. 24 females, 25 spayed females, 111 males, 6 kennel licenses. The clerk received \$472.00. Dog tags cost \$14.79. Licenses books \$6.90. Postage \$2.58. The Treasurer was paid \$414.53. The clerk retained \$33.20 fees.

During the year, March 11, 1953 to December 31, 1953 Automobile Town taxes totaled \$2,705.20 which was paid to the Treasurer monthly.

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

Levy of 1953

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$53,642.30
Poll Taxes	918.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00
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Total Warrant	\$54,577.30
Yield Taxes	1,740.92
Added Poll Taxes	12.00
Interest Collected	10.07

Total Debits	\$56,340.29
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$43,860.70
Poll Taxes	804.00
Bank Stock Taxes	17.00
Yield Taxes	1,561.81
Interest Collected	10.07

Uncollected Taxes:

Property Taxes	9,781.60
Poll Taxes	126.00
Yield Taxes	179.11

Total Credits	\$56,340.29
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Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$11,479.94
Poll Taxes	106.00
Yield Taxes	199.82
Interest Collected	218.37

Total Debits	\$12,004.13
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$11,149.54
Poll Taxes	60.00

Yield Taxes	199.82	
Over assessment of Property Taxes	203.70	
Over assessment of Poll Taxes	46.00	
Abatements	126.70	
Interest Collected	218.37	
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Total Credits	\$12,004.13	

STATE HEAD TAX 1953

Dr.

Original Warrant	\$2,645.00	
Penalties Collected	10.50	

Total Debits	\$2,655.50
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$2,315.00	
Penalties Collected	10.50	
Uncollected Head Taxes	330.00	

Total Credits	\$2,655.50
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Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected as of January 1, 1953	\$350.00	
Penalties	24.50	

Total Debits	\$374.50
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$245.00	
Penalties Collected	24.50	
Wrong Tax Over 70 Years Old	105.00	

Total Credits	\$374.50
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Levy of 1951

Dr.

Added Tax	\$5.00	
Penalties50	\$5.50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$5.50
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES

As of December 31, 1953

	Dr.			
	1952	1951	1950	1949
Taxes Sold to Town.....	\$2,346.62	\$1,449.92	\$566.48	\$9.88
Interest Collected	29.61	27.51	80.42	7.88
Total Debits	\$2,376.23	\$1,477.43	\$646.90	\$17.76
	Cr.			
Remittances to Treasurer ..	\$1,116.63	\$379.27	\$482.91	\$9.88
Interest Collected	29.61	27.51	80.42	7.88
Bankrupt Tax Uncollected		256.02		
Deeded to Town	14.82	73.52	72.60	
Unredeemed at close of year	1,215.17	741.11	10.97	
Total Credits	\$2,376.23	\$1,477.43	\$646.90	\$17.76

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriated \$1,800.00

Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman (Overseer Poor)	\$250.00
John A. West, Selectman	215.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	200.00
Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk	268.00
Florence Herrick, Treasurer	75.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	673.72
John H. True, Auditor	10.00
William Hardy, Auditor	10.00
Russell Underwood, Auditor	10.00

\$1,711.72

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Appropriated \$800.00

Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	\$60.00
John A. West, Selectman	35.00
Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	35.00
Florence Herrick, Treasurer	35.00
Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk	16.28
Robert Hazelton, Town Clerk	93.80
Mildred F. Hunt, Treas. Trustees of Trust Funds	35.00
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00

Ruth N. Ray, PM, Postage	3.00
Austin C. Hunt, Postage	18.95
Philip G. Hazelton, Postage	6.96
First Nat. Bk., Deposit Vault, Trustees of Trust Funds	6.00
News-Enterprise Press, Town Reports & Ballots	241.75
Curtis Insurance Agency, Town Officers Bonds	147.30
R. H. Llewellyn Co., Supplies	2.50
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	55.30
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collectors Dues	3.00
John W. A. Green, Copying Transfers	18.40
Sargent Bros. Printing Tax Bills	35.05
Edward Griffin, Janitor Supplies	2.30
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	29.00
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	\$882.59

Election and Registration
Appropriated \$200.00

George E. Pettigrew, Police	\$7.20
Edward E. Griffin, Supervisor	16.20
Ernest Edwards, Supervisor	16.20
Alvah Healey, Supervisor	10.80
Ladies Social Circle, Dinners and Lunch, Mar. 10	22.75
Walter P. Tenney, Moderator	15.00
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	\$88.15

Police Department
Appropriated \$125.00

Lester J. Lewis	\$65.00
Edward E. Griffin	7.50
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	\$72.50

Health Department
Appropriated \$50.00

Edward E. Griffin, Health Officer	\$41.50
Molton and Goodwin, Supplies	7.60
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	\$49.10

Vital Statistics
Appropriated \$30.00

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk	\$21.00
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Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriated \$150.00

Ernest Nichols, Mowing	\$6.00
Earle Hazelton, Mowing, care of Town Clock	33.00
H. P. Chase, Painting Flag Pole	29.00
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	\$68.00

Interest

Appropriated \$202.50

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$52.50
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Stevens Memorial Hall

Appropriated \$2,200.00

Edward E. Griffin, Janitor (\$4.03 Supplies)	\$604.03
Chester Telephone Service, Telephone Service	64.82
N. H. Electric Co., Electric Service	110.25
Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Coal	273.50
Alvah Healey, Hard Wood and Slabs	76.00
Earle Hazelton, Fitting Wood	20.00
Fuelite Gas,	26.00
H. P. Chase, Painting Hall	859.50
J. J. Moreau & Sons, Paint	141.73
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	\$2,175.83

Town Poor

Appropriated \$1,600.00

Rockingham County Hospital	\$2,325.00
Mrs. Ellen Gradual, Board	330.00
Supplies	8.11
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	\$2,663.11

Old Age Assistance

Appropriated \$1,300.00

State of New Hampshire	\$1,755.01
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Fire Department, Including Forest Fires

Appropriated \$1,400.00

N. H. Electric Service Co., Electric Service	\$15.32
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service	61.57
Curtis Insurance Agency, Insurance	99.50
R. G. Rowell Agent, Insurance	130.50
Gannon Coal and Supply Co., Coal	103.30

J. J. Moreau, Paint	64.83
H. P. Chase, Painting Fire House	120.70
Roland Nichols, Wire for Fire Alarm	10.92
Victor Spollett, Labor and Supplies	14.25
Hunt's Garage, Labor and Supplies	64.98
Wilbur Hunt, Forest Fires	94.55
Western Emergency, Batteries	15.20
Merrimac Tile Co., Tires and Tubes	95.64
Trustees of Trust Funds, Balance 1953 Appropriations	521.47
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	\$1,412.73

Street Lights
Appropriated \$1,540.08

N. H. Electric Co.	\$1,540.08
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Town Dump
Appropriated \$300.00

Frederick H. Weber, Bulldozer work at Town Dump	\$92.00
Harold Estes, Bulldozer at Town Dump	20.00
N. H. Farm Tractor Corp., Paint	5.55
Philip Hazelton, Mailing Notices	6.80
Wilbur Hunt, Fire at Town Dump	174.01
John Hazelton, Labor and Material	38.61
Merton Edwards, Guarding Dump	7.50
Maurice Colman, Guarding Dump	3.00
Roland Nichols, Guarding Dump	10.00
Roger Edwards, Guarding Dump	12.00
Harry Estes, Guarding Dump	15.00
James Towle, Guarding Dump	3.75
Frederick MacDonald, Supervisor at Dump	99.00
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	\$487.22

Chester Free Public Library
Appropriated \$400.00

Ella A. Allen, Treasurer	\$400.00
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Cemeteries
Appropriated \$175.00

Harry Edwards, Mowing	\$30.00
Earle Hazelton, Mowing	150.00
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	\$180.00

Memorial Day	
Appropriated \$150.00	
Haggarts Sport Shop, Material for Sports	\$18.63
Backmann Florist, Flowers	2.60
Forsaith Drowne Post, Supplies	74.41
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	\$95.64
Moths and Pruning Trees	
Appropriated \$100.00	
F. A. Bartlett Tree Exp. Co., Spraying Trees	\$100.00
Merrimack Valley Region Association	
Appropriated \$90.00	
Merrimack Valley Region Association	\$90.00
Civil Defense	
Appropriated \$100.00	
N. H. Electric Co., Lights	\$12.00
Chester Telephone Co., Telephone Service	42.94
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	\$54.94
Great Hill Cemetery Notes	
Appropriated \$500.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, Retire part of Cemetery Notes	\$500.00
Damage By Dogs	
Appropriated—None	
George E. Pettigrew, Dog Officer	\$74.00
Legal Expenses	\$25.50
Taxes Bought By Town	
Paid Tax Collector	\$2,479.77
Wrong Tax Refund	
Paid Tax Collector	\$408.73
County Tax	
County Treasurer	\$3,084.51
Head Tax	
State of New Hampshire	\$3,140.48
School Tax	
Treasurer of School District	\$42,979.87
General Expenses of the Highway Department	
Appropriated \$800.00	
James W. Towle, Labor and Truck	\$85.00

N. H. Electric Co., Lights	12.00
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Snow Plow Parts	85.75
James Eustis, Labor and Supplies	42.80
Curtis Insurance Agency, Insurance	182.32
N. H. Farm Tractor Corp., Parts	13.00
Auto. Electric Service, Grader Parts	7.30

\$428.17

Class 5 Roads

Appropriated \$594.48

State of New Hampshire	\$594.48
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REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

Winter Maintenance

Appropriated \$2,500.00

Crawford, Walter, Labor	\$94.00
Hunt's Garage, Gasoline, Supplies,	8.20
Lewis, L. J., Truck	290.00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Salt	45.80
Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline	3.41
Noyes, Richard, Labor	11.50
Roberts, Harry	48.00
Towle, James W., Labor and Truck	272.25

\$773.16

Summer Maintenance

Appropriated \$4,000.000

Corson, Fred, Gravel	\$20.00
Crawford, Walter, Truck	163.80
Church, Muriel, Gravel	82.70
Downing, Charles, Truck	62.40
Estes Filling Station, Gasoline	13.57
Eustis, James, Truck, Labor	6.20
Granite State Asphalt Product Co., Asphalt	358.70
Hammond, Lyman, Truck	66.30
Hume Pipe of N. E., Inc., Concrete Pipe	487.19
Hunt's Garage, Parts, Labor	18.58
Judy's Lunch, Gasoline	37.74
Lewis, L. J., Bridge Plank	75.00
Lane, Walter, Lumber	14.68

Mitch Filling Station, Gasoline, Oil	81.69
N. H. Farm Tractor Corp., Parts	13.00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Supplies	13.00
Rollins, Willis, Truck	378.30
Roberts, Warren, Truck	169.80
Roberts, Hartwell, Labor	22.50
Stevens, Norman, Truck	183.30
Sinski, Lewis, Drilling, Blasting	12.00
Towle, James W., Truck, Labor	647.00
Tuttle, William, Shovel	528.00
Webber, R. E., Shovel	153.00
Webber, Henry, Truck	35.10
Webber, Richard, Truck	40.50
Webber, Fred, Bull Dozer	208.50
Warren, Albert, Truck	63.00
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	\$3,955.55

FINANCIAL REPORT WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Income	
Balance on hand	\$1,298.66
Dividends from Trust Funds	1,094.75
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	\$2,393.41
Expenditures	
Paid Treasurer of Trust Funds	\$1,298.66
Treasurer's Bond	3.53
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	\$1,302.19
Balance in Bank	\$1,091.22
Ella A. Allen, Treasurer	

CHESTER GREAT HILL CEMETERY TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward, Jan. 1, 1953	\$696.52	
Received from sale of lots	491.80	
Received from burials	120.00	
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	\$1,308.32	
Cemetery maintainance		186.23

To balance	1,122.09
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	\$1,308.32
Balance on hand January 1, 1954	\$1,122.09
	Maurice Colman, Treasurer

CEMETERY TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CHESTER

French Addition

Harry C. Edwards, Treasurer

Balance on Hand	\$717.59
Interest to Date	21.68
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	\$739.27
Paid Earle Hazelton	21.68
Cash To Balance	717.59
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	\$739.27
Balance on Hand	\$717.59

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Cash on Hand January 1953	\$125.54
Received from Town	400.00
Received from John C. Chase Fund	15.11
Received from George Stevens Fund	10.25
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	\$550.90

Expenditures

Librarian's Salary	\$198.00
Books and Magazines	220.84
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	\$418.84
Balance in Bank	132.06
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	\$550.90

CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added in 1953	181
Increased by purchase	92
Increased by gift	89

Magazines received	24
By subscription	14
By gift	10
Number borrowers 1952	131
Number borrowers 1953	120
Fines	
Fines and sale old paper	\$18.82
Balance on hand from 1952	1.78
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	\$19.60
Expended for magazines, books, postage and library supplies	\$17.28
Cash on hand to balance	2.32
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	\$19.60

We wish to thank all who have given books and magazines to the library.

We also thank those who made the library attractive during the Christmas Season.

Mabel R. Finnigan, Librarian

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1953, ten calls were answered.

Buildings, None	
Chimney Fires	2
Grass and Forest	7
Town Dump	1

New Equipment—None.

Necessary repairs on the trucks and equipment were made.

The Firehouse was painted two coats.

Victor B. Spollett, Fire Chief

AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Clerk, as required by law, and find them correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Village Cemetery Trustees, Great Hill Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees, and

Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home as required by law or custom and find them correct and properly vouched.

Date of Audit, January 12, 13, 14, 1954.

Signed,

John H. True

R. E. Underwood

William M. Hardy

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF
CHESTER, N. H.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS								
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Jan 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Nov 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Jan 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Learned by Martha L. Learned	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.50	2.50	
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	3		6.05	6.05	
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3		1.51	1.51	
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3		1.51	1.51	
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Loving	Manchester Savings Bank	80.00	3	1.36	2.41	3.77	
April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Manchester Savings Bank	40.00	3		1.21	1.21	
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3		1.51	1.51	

Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51
Oct. 3 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.03	3.03
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie -----	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.51	1.51
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will -----	Town Note -----	75.00	3½	2.62	2.62
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs -----	Town Note -----	45.00	3½	1.58	1.58
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True -----	Town Note -----	75.00	3½	2.62	2.62
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore -----	Town Note -----	60.00	3½	2.10	2.10
July 3, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same -----	Town Note -----	40.00	3½	1.40	1.40
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Nov 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will -----	Town Note -----	60.00	3½	2.10	2.10
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard -----	Town Note -----	40.00	3½	1.40	1.40
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane -----	Town Note -----	70.00	3½	2.45	2.45
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook -----	Town Note -----	75.00	3½	2.63	2.63
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack -----	Town Note -----	60.00	3½	2.10	2.10
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook -----	Town Note -----	50.00	3½	1.75	1.75

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION TRUST FUNDS--	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill; by same	Town Note	25.00	3½		.87	.87	
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3½		2.63	2.63	
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
May 3, 1904	Johr W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3		9.06	9.06	
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	3		1.36	1.36	
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	3		10.25	10.25	
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3		1.50	1.50	
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3		1.50	1.50	

Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3	7.55	7.55
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
Mar 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse -----	U. S. Savings Bond -----	1000.00	2½	25.23	25.00
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	3	5.59	5.59
45 May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee -----	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	3	1.80	1.80
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	3	2.27	2.27
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	3	6.99	6.99
		Mortgage	220.00	5	22.00	25.36
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
Nov. 25, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02

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Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS-- PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Begin- ning of Year.	Income During Year	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
May 8, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3		4.53	4.53	
Jan. 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	3		1.20	1.20	
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3		6.05	6.05	
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3		6.05	6.05	
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robie by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3		4.53	4.53	
Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02	

Oct. 25, 1950	Eva Underhill -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov. 8, 1941	Mary A. Sanborn & Helrs of Morse -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	3	3.62	3.62
Nov. 29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Nov. 28, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Oct. 7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
May 5, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Feb. 23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children ---	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
July 27, 1942	Justine r. Creamer by Ina Creamer -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Aug. 22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.05	6.05
June 18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3	.78	9.86
Dec. 13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will -----	U. S. Bonds -----	5000.00	2 1/2	50.71	68.25
Feb. 15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3	1.50	1.50
July 16, 1945	Addie F. Watkins by will -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.02	3.02
Dec. 7, 1945	Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Dec. 9, 1947	George S. Webster by daughters ---	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Apr. 15, 1948	John G. Lang by Mary I. Lang by will -----	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Apr. 15, 1948	Edwin Jones by Mary I. Lang by will	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
May 5, 1948	Osgood Richards by Abbie Richards Hood -----	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	4.53	4.53
Sept. 29, 1949	Preston E. Goodrich by Maud B. Goodrich -----	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	3	.64	5.17

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal			Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
Nov. 16, 1949	Robert H. Hazelton	(2 shares of stock) -----								
Mar. 24, 1950	William Finnigan by same	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	100.00	3 1/4	1.58	23.08	20.00	4.66		
April 24, 1950	Victoria J. Brown by will	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	200.00	3 1/4	6.62	6.49	4.00	9.11		
July 5, 1950	William H. and Arthur H. West By Georgiana West	Manchester Savings Bank	250.00	3	.67	7.56	8.23			
Oct. 19, 1950	William A. Moore By George Moore	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02			
Aug. 26, 1951	George E. Gillingham	Manchester Savings Bank	300.00	3	3.34	9.16	12.00	.50		
May 1, 1951	J. Wesley Smith	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	3		3.02	3.02			
Dec. 11, 1951	Mansur & Seibert	Amoskeag Savings Bank	175.00	3		5.29	5.29			
April 1, 1952	Ivory J. and Sarah J. Lovering and John L. Husom	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3		4.53	4.53			
Feb. 1953	Tarish G. Lewis	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	150.00	3 1/4		3.95	3.95			
July 25, 1953	Fellie W. Keains	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3		2.50	2.50			
Sept. 24, 1953	Nathan W. Goldsmith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3		1.13				
Dec. 24, 1946	Great Hill Cemetery Fund	Man. Fed. Savings Bank	733.00	3 1/4	2,626.64	82.71		2,709.35		
	LIBRARY FUNDS									
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by Will	Manchester Savings Bank	339.80	3		10.25	10.25			
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	3		15.11	15.11			
Mar. 24, 1950	Fire Department Equipment Fund	Man. Fed. Savings Bank		3 1/4	1,385.36	565.10		1,950.46		

1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3,466.98
		Manchester Savings Bank	919.04
		U. S. Savings Bond -----	1,000.00
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	8,907.29
		Manchester Savings Bank	4,389.32
	Wilcomb Townsend Home Fund -----	Amoskeag Savings Bank	5,223.69
		Manchester Savings Bank	2,655.29
		Mechanics Savings Bank	304.58
		First National Bank	10,258.84
		U. S. Savings Bonds	4,300.00
Jan. 20, 1954	Paid Treasurer Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home Income on these Funds for 1953 ----- \$1,094.75		
Jan. 26, 1953	Received from Treasurer, Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home unpended Balance for 1951 -- \$422.11		
Jan. 20, 1954	Received from Treasurer Trustee of Wilcomb-Townsend Home unpended Balance for 1952 -- \$1,298.66 (\$220.00 rent).		
Dec. 31, 1953	Received from Town of Chester \$500.00 to retire part of Cemetery Notes.		

Chester, N. H. January 28, 1953

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town of Chester and find them correct and properly vouched.

John H. True, W. M. Hardy, R. E. Underwood, Auditors

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John West

CLERK

Mildred F. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

Charles A. Morse

H. Wallace Fitts

Ruth S. Dearborn

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Martha D. Hurd

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Derry 524-J

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

AUDITOR

Paul S. Nutting

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School and Grades	Name	P. O. Address
Chester 1-2	Greeley, Gertrude	Londonderry, N. H.
Chester 2-3	McCully, Doris	Chester, N. H.
Chester 4-5	Church, Muriel	Chester, N. H.
Chester 6	Perry, Barbara	Derry Village, N. H.
Chester 7-8	Pierce, Paul	Chester, N. H.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1953 to June 1954

1953

First Period

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 9

Closes Wednesday, Dec. 23

1954

Second Period

Opens Monday, Jan. 4

Closes Friday, Feb. 19

Third Period

Opens Monday, March 1

Closes Wednesday, April 21

Fourth Period

Opens Wednesday, April 28

Closes at the end of 180
school days

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

September 1954 to June 1955

1954

First Period

Opens Monday, Sept. 8

Closes Thursday, Dec. 23

1955

Second Period

Opens Monday, Jan. 3

Closes Friday, Feb. 18

Third Period

Opens Monday, Feb. 28

Closes Friday, April 22

Fourth Period

Opens Monday, May 2

Closes at the end of 180
school days

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Chester,
N. H. qualified to vote in district affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Memorial Hall
in said district on the 10th day of March, 1954 at 7:45 o'clock in
the afternoon to act upon the following :

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing
three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers
chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.

7. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue grading the area back of the school for playground activities and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 23rd day of February, 1954.

Charles A. Morse
H. Wallace Fitts
Ruth Somers Dearborn
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Charles A. Morse
H. Wallace Fitts
Ruth Somers Dearborn
School Board

SCHOOL BUDGET

Payments	Appropriated	Expended Appropriated School Board's	
Item	1952-53	1952-53	1953-1954 Budget 1954-55
Administration			
Salaries of District Officers	\$276.00	\$276.00	\$276.00
Superintendent's salary (Local Share)	399.49	399.49	412.30
Tax for State Wide Supervision	438.00	438.00	442.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	228.28	229.28	225.68
Supplies and expenses	200.00	328.18	300.00
Instruction			
Teachers salaries	14,000.00	13,701.70	14,587.08
Books and other instructional aids	300.00	276.18	300.00
Scholars' supplies	400.00	230.38	400.00
Supplies and other expenses	125.00	276.55	125.00
Operation of School Plant			
Janitor's salaries	850.00	864.00	900.00
Fuel or heat	1,200.00	1,235.94	1,200.00
Light and janitor supplies	450.00	600.91	450.00
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and replacements	400.00	376.56	400.00
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	312.64	319.42	340.00
Transportation	5,200.00	5,687.20	6,000.00
Tuition—high school	18,075.00	16,164.09	18,400.00

Special activities and special funds	250.00	1,587.57	500.00	250.00
Fixed Charges				
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses	200.00	692.31	837.50	200.00
Retirement	849.06	828.34	873.62	1,052.58
Total Current Expenses	44,153.47	44,512.10	46,969.18	48,095.86
Capital Outlay				
Alteration of old buildings	300.00	300.00	300.00	
New Equipment		52.50		
Total Capital Outlay	300.00	352.50	300.00	
Debt and Interest				
Debt	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Interest on debt	783.75	783.75	693.75	628.75
Total Debt and Interest	4,783.75	4,783.75	4,693.75	4,628.75
Total Expenditures	\$49,237.22	\$49,648.35	\$51,962.93	\$52,724.61

BUDGET—Continued

	Appropriated 1952-53	Actual 1952-53	Estimated 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55
Income				
Cash on hand July 1	\$750.00	\$132.78	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
State aid	6,507.35	6,837.52	6,700.00	11,815.88
School Lunch		1,145.51		
Tuition—elementary		171.52		
Trust funds		264.72		
Other		46.92		
Total receipts other than Property Taxes	7,257.35	8,598.97	7,200.00	12,815.88
District assessment raised or to be raised by Property Tax—Current appropriation	41,979.87	41,979.87	44,762.93	39,908.73
	\$49,237.22	\$50,578.84	\$51,962.93	\$52,724.61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

INCOME

Cash on Hand July 1, 1952		\$132.78
National School Lunch	\$1,145.51	
State Aid	6,837.52	
Tax Levy	41,979.87	
Elementary School Tuitions	171.52	
Trust Funds	264.72	
Other Receipts	46.92	
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Total Net Receipts from all Sources		50,446.06
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Grand Total Net Receipts		50,578.84

PAYMENTS

Administration	
Salaries of District Officers	276.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	399.49
Tax for State Wide Supervision	438.00
Salaries other administrative personnel	229.28
Supplies and Expenses	328.18
Instruction	
Teachers' Salaries	13,701.70
Books and Other Instructional Aids	276.18
Scholars' Supplies	230.38
Supplies and Other Expenses	276.55
Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of Janitors	864.00
Fuel or Heat	1,235.94
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	600.91
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs and Replacements	376.56
Auxiliary Activities	
Health Supervision	319.42
Transportation	5,687.20
Tuition—High School	16,164.09
Special Activities and Funds	104.76
School Lunch (Federal and District Funds Only)	1,482.81

Fixed Charges	
Retirement (Town's Share)	828.34
Insurance, Treas. Bonds & Expenses	692.31
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Total Net Current Expenses	44,512.10
Capital Outlay	
Additions & Improvements to Buildings	300.00
New Equipment	52.50
Debt and Interest	
Principal of Debt	4,000.00
Interest on Debt	783.75
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Total Net Payments for all Purposes	49,648.35
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Cash on hand June 30, 1953	\$930.49

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Chester of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

September 5, 1953

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Cash on hand July 1, 1952		\$132.78
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	\$41,979.87	
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	6,837.52	
Received from State Treas., School Lunch		
Reimbursement	1,145.51	
Received from Tuitions	171.52	
Received as Income From Trust Funds	264.72	
Received from all Other Sources	46.92	
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Total Receipts		50,446.06
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		50,578.84
Less School Board Orders Paid		49,648.35
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1953		\$930.49

Carrie A. Richardson, District Treasurer

June 30, 1953

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

Paul S. Nutting, Auditor

September 5, 1953

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1953

Assets

Cash on hand June 30, 1953	\$930.49
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Total Assets	\$930.49
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Liabilities

Accounts owned by District

Notes and Bonds Outstanding	\$41,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$41,000.00
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Total Liabilities	41,000.00
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Total Assets	930.49
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Net Debt (Excess Liabilities over Assets)	\$40,069.51
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EXPENDITURES

December 30, 1953

	Budgeted for 1953-54	Expended to Dec. 30, 1953	Balance
Salaries of district officers -----	\$276.00	\$276.00	
Supt. salary -----	412.30	206.15	\$206.15
Per Capita Tax -----	442.00	442.00	
Expenses of administration ----	525.68	251.55	274.13
Teachers salaries -----	14,587.08	4,795.10	9,791.98
Books -----	300.00	700.05	
Supplies -----	400.00	214.26	185.74
Flags -----		8.44	
Other expenses of instruction --	125.00	190.74	
Salaries of janitors -----	900.00	477.00	423.00
Fuel -----	1,200.00	286.35	913.65
Water, light & janitor supplies -	450.00	98.29	351.71
Repairs and Replacements -----	400.00	567.77	
Health supervision -----	340.00	163.37	176.63

Transportation -----	6,000.00	2,325.40	3,674.60
Tuition High School -----	18,400.00	4,687.91	13,712.09
Special activities -----	500.00	514.94	
Retirement -----	873.62	384.34	489.28
Insurance -----	837.50	720.40	117.10
Grading -----	300.00	134.60	165.40
New equipment -----		518.30	
Debt -----	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Interest on debt -----	693.75	681.25	12.50
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	\$51,962.93	\$21,644.21	\$31,493.96

CHESTER SCHOOL LUNCH

Report for year 1952-1953

Receipts

Balance June 30, 1952	\$.28
Lunch receipts	4,387.97
Federal reimbursement	1,002.65
District reimbursement	250.00

Total	\$5,640.90
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Expenditures

Food	\$3,375.63
Labor	1,710.00
Other	461.19

Total	5,546.82
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Balance	\$94.08
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Accounts Receivable

Reimbursement May, 1953	\$142.86
Reimbursement June, 1953	61.56
Total	\$204.42

Accounts payable June 20, 1953	155.82
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Number of days lunches were served	172
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Total number of children served	18,735
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Total free lunches	1,203
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Adults served	526
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Pauline D. Clarke

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Revised Laws, Chapter 135

Sec. 47 Budget. At a meeting held before January first of each year the supervisory union board shall adopt a budget

required for the expenses of the supervisory union for the next fiscal year, which budget may include the salary and expenses of supervisors of health, physical education, music, art and guidance, and any other employees, and expenses necessary for the operation of the supervisory union. The supervisory union board shall apportion the total amount of the budget among the constituent school districts on the following basis, provided that each district shall be required to pay for only those services in which they share. The basis for the apportionment shall be one-half on the average membership for the previous school year and one-half on the last assessed valuation of the district. Prior to January fifteenth in each year, the board shall certify to the chairman of the school board of each constituent school district the amount so apportioned. Each district within a supervisory union shall raise at the next annual district meeting the sum of money apportioned to it by the supervisory union board for the expenses of services which each district receives in connection with the union office.

SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET 1953-54

The Supervisory Union Board voted to appropriate \$18,078.62, including \$2,275.00 as the State's share of the Superintendents' salary, for the operation of the Union. The distribution of the Union's share of \$15,803.62 among the constituent districts is indicated below,

	Total	State's	Union's	Auburn	Chester	Derry	Londonderry	Windham
Supt. Salary -----	\$6,425.00	\$2,275.00	\$4,150.00	9.66%	8.68%	56.28%	14.22%	11.16%
Supt. travel within Union ---	600.00		600.00	\$400.89	\$360.22	\$2,335.62	\$590.13	\$463.14
Office Staff Salary -----	2,600.00		2,600.00	57.96	52.08	337.68	85.32	66.96
Operational Expenses				251.16	225.68	1,463.28	369.72	290.16
Union office, equipment ----	1,050.00		1,050.00	101.43	91.14	590.94	149.31	117.18
Supt's. Travel Outside Union -	120.00		120.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	20.00
Retirement Supt. & Clerk ---	481.95		481.95	46.56	41.83	271.24	68.53	53.79
Music -----	3,200.00		3,200.00	16.05%	14.44%	27.28%	23.64%	18.59%
				\$513.60	\$462.08	\$872.96	\$756.48	\$594.88
Nurse -----	3,400.00		3,400.00		9.61%	62.29%	15.76%	12.34%
					\$326.74	\$2,117.86	\$535.84	\$419.56
Nurse's Retirement -----	201.62		201.62		19.38	125.58	31.78	24.88
				\$1,391.60	\$1,599.15	\$8,155.16	\$2,607.11	\$2,050.55

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my twelvth annual report as superintendent of schools in Chester.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1954 was 172 as compared to 150 for the same date last year and 151 two years ago.

The membership by school and grades as of January 31, 1954 follows:

School	Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Chester	22	25	19	16	24	25	16	24	171

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 31, 1954 was:

School	Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Hood	9				9
Pinkerton		10	9	12	31
Manchester Central	1	3			4
Raymond	5	7	4	1	17
Totals	15	20	13	13	61

Statistics For the School Year Ending June 30, 1953

Total registration	157
Half Days schools were in session	356
Average membership	147.3
Average attendance	137.1
Per cent of attendance	94.2
Pupils transported at district expense	89

On Monday, June 15, 1953 the following boys and girls who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies were presented diplomas:

Abbott, Leta	Hart, Carleton
Bagley, James	Lessard, Richard
Baldwin, Robert	Menard, Stephen
Browne, Franklin	Tucker, Harris
Carson, Gail	Ware, Bessie
Fitts, Susan	Wilson, Russell

The enrollment in the school was the highest in recent years.

The following chart indicates the situation as regard to the enrollment.

	Total	Actual		Total
		1-4	5-8	
Jan. 31, 1949	128	59	63	122
Jan. 31, 1950	149	70	74	144
Jan. 31, 1951	159	76	73	149
Jan. 31, 1952	151	79	69	148
Jan. 31, 1953	150	74	71	145
Jan. 31, 1954	172	82	89	171

This year the enrollment has increased nearly 20%. A similar increase in the next few years would mean that the present plant would be inadequate to house the children. This is in accord with the national trend. In 1953 the greatest number of births in the history of the country was recorded 4,000,000. In the February issue of Nations Business the figures of recorded births are presented for '37-'42—'47-'53—2,400,000—3,000,000—3,800,000 and 4,000,000. The country as a whole is faced with a larger school population for the next few years. This is bound to affect schools everywhere. The secondary enrollments have not as yet begun to show the effects of the increased birth rate. The effect, however, will be felt when the present sixth grade enters secondary school.

Mrs. Sargent resigned during the summer. After a delay of about a month Mrs. Perry was secured to fill the vacancy. With the rest of the teachers returning the outlook for a successful year was bright. It has been so up to the present. Mr. Pierce resigned effective February 28th and the change in the middle of the year may be a disruptive factor. It is, however, fortunate that the district has had a relatively stable staff in this period of tremendous teacher turnover.

With the increase in enrollment there arose the necessity of book purchases in excess of plans. The purchases augmented present texts, replaced some, and added others. The book situation has been improved. The need for an adequate supply of basic and supplemental texts is almost self evident. Books constitute the tools of the pupil and teacher. Adequate supply of the requisite tools is economical of teacher and pupil time.

With a curriculum that is constantly expanding in content the necessity of providing materials to enable pupils to meet the problems of a complex society can best be met by providing many source materials.

The special services in the field of handwriting and music were continued. These special fields are well worthwhile. Handwriting is

an area that has great value to the individual both from the vocational and personal standpoint. In a period of increased leisure a vocational interest, like music, that are wholesome can make a distinct and valuable contribution to the individual and to society.

Pupil Health

Two new programs were in operation this year. An opportunity to participate in a group insurance plan was offered to parents. This program was generally well accepted. The state dental health service was provided for pupils of Grades 1-6. The hot lunch program was continued. All of these programs made a contribution to the protection and welfare of children.

Finance

The proposed operational budget increases \$761.68. There are small increases in almost every budgetary area. These increases generally reflect increased enrollments. The increase in tax levy is \$1,187.56 in the proposed budget. This is due to a decrease in state aid. The increased enrollment of the current year may affect state aid favorably another year.

It is increasingly apparent that state support of education should be increased. The increased cost of education both because of increased prices and increased enrollments are far in excess of gains in real property valuations. Local communities bear approximately 90% of the cost of education. The General Court should face the issue and provide support so as to alleviate some of this load.

The cooperation of all has made possible the educational program offered the children of Chester. Such cooperation makes the responsibility of providing as good an educational opportunity as possible easier. The staff and administration appreciates this cooperative attitude on the part of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent of Schools

Births, Marriages and Deaths
REGISTERED IN THE
TOWN OF CHESTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31st, 1953

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father				Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
			Male or Female	Living or Still b.	No. of Child	Color			
Mar. 4	East Derry	Jacqueline Brown	f	1	2	w	Henry C. Brown	Wilnington, Mass.	Manchester, N. H.
Mar. 4	East Derry	Steven Charles Carey	m	1	4	w	Donald I. Carey	Bucksport, Me.	Chester, N. H.
May 13	East Derry	Mary Solveig Dahlman	f	1	3	w	John Stanley Dahlman	Colorado	So. Dakota
July 18	East Derry	Lianne Susan Noyes	f	1	1	w	George W. Noyes	Malden, Mass.	Biddeford, Me.
July 21	East Derry	David Allen Wilson	m	1	1	w	Hudson L. Wilson	Bergenfield, N. J.	Hudson, N. H.
Aug. 12	East Derry	Renette Gayle Browne	f	1	7	w	Robert C. Browne	Brockton, Mass.	Arlington, Mass.
Aug. 29	East Derry	Mary Jane Cassidy	f	1	4	w	Leonard A. Cassidy	Derry, N. H.	Malden, Mass.
Sept. 8	Haverhill	Donna Isabel Rand	f	1	1	w	George D. Rand	Manchester, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.
Sept. 13	East Derry	Beverly Ann Carson	f	1	4	w	John H. Carson	Saugus, Mass.	Milton, Mass.
Sept. 20	East Derry	Edward Allen Herrick	m	1	9	w	Bernard A. Herrick	Gorham, N. H.	Derry, N. H.
Sept. 26	Nashua	Francoise S. Delavigne	f	1	1	w	Jean Rene Delavigne	New York	France
Oct. 1	East Derry	Brian E. Bethume	m	1	2	w	Jacob E. Bethume	Maine	Chester, N. H.
Nov. 5	East Derry	Alice Elaine Roberts	f	1	6	w	Randolph L. Roberts	Chester, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Nov. 26	Exeter	Donna Lee McFarland	f	1	3	w	Leon C. McFarland	Chester, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Dec. 10	East Derry	Walter Joseph Tenney	m	1	1	w	Eugene D. Tenney	Boston	Sandown, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time Marriage	Age of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Names of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Jan. 17	Chester	George D. Rand	Chester	19	Student	Loren P. Rand, Isabel Goff	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Jan. 17	Chester	Jean M. Spaulding	Derry	19	Student	Henry A. Spaulding, Merna I. Walbridge	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Jan. 24	Manchester	Hudson F. Wilson	Chester	36	Toolmaker	Henry C. Wilson, Alice M. Rock	3	J. Stanley Dahlman
Feb. 7	Auburn	Vera M. Marshall	Hudson	29	Assembler	Dana C. Marshall, Myrtle M. Hill	1	John F. Russell
Apr. 11	Chester	John F. Yenchu	Perm.	22	Air Force	John A. Yenchu, Mary Stenke	1	Rev. R. Langlois
May 8	Chester	Hans A. Hanson	Chester	19	Student Nurse	Hans A. Hanson, Edith M. Lindskog	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
May 9	Chester	Joseph Angelo Vaal	Chester	20	Laborer	Diana Vaal, Maria Stenke	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
June 6	Manchester	Julia A. Baldwin	Chester	16	Student	Horace H. Baldwin, Edith McCormack	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
June 13	Chester	Robert J. Harvey	Chester	19	Truck Driver	Gordon H. Harvey, Ruth I. Sullivan	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
June 19	Chester	Priscilla J. Watson	Chester	18	Assembler	Harold E. Watson, Marjorie A. Smith	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
June 20	Somersworth	George W. Richardson	Chester	57	Salesman	Josiah C. Richardson, Carrie Underhill	2	J. Stanley Dahlman
June 20	Auburn	Evangeline E. Simmons	Chester	44	Housewife	James Connell, Elizabeth Conithorne	2	D. Watson Ladd
June 28	Chester	Louis E. J. Currier	Chester	32	At Home	Napoleon Currier, Josephine Ramillard	1	Rev. R. W. Veillitte
July 5	Epping	Oliver E. West	Chester	23	Production Supt.	Edward A. Towle, Alice L. Marden	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Aug. 1	New Hamp.	Maurice L. Dugre	Manchester	21	Factory Worker	Edmond Dugre, Albertine Fortier	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
Aug. 1	Derry	Geraldine M. Harvey	Chester	26	Student	Henry M. Aronson, Ruth Sullivan	1	Joseph A. Richardson
Aug. 2	Chester	Robert K. Aronson	Wisconsin	29	At Home	Keneth Mitchell, Madeline Freidman	1	Rev. R. Langlois
Sept. 4	Chester	Peter R. Atamian	Law, Mass.	25	Hairdresser	Hugas Atamian, Vartanooosh Shoglian	1	Milford G. Chandler
		Patricia H. Williams	Haverhill	22	Hairdresser	Joseph H. Williams, Alice G. Stark	2	Watson Ludd
		Wilfred C. Lessard	Chester Falls	17	Student	Edward M. Lessard, Blanche A. Leighton	1	Mark B. Strickland
		Alycema Taylor	Mass.	16	At Home	Nelson P. Taylor, Katherine E. Page	1	Joseph R. O'Connor
		Margaret T. Manning	Mass.	55	Moulder	Raymond Muise, Elizabeth Conreau	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Donald A. Page	Chester	52	Weaver	Norman J. Wagner, Mary A. McKinnon	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		George H. Davis	Epping	26	Elec. Tech.	Harold W. Green, Hazel M. Hunt	2	Rev. R. Langlois
		Delma A. Langille	Chester	53	Woodman	Harold W. Green, Florence Hutchins	2	Milford G. Chandler
		Christine Cunningham	Derry	18	At Home	Fred P. McFarland, Marion J. Porter	2	Watson Ludd
		Robert I. Manning	Chester	27	Teacher	Gordon D. Langille, Mary C. Hillbey	1	Mark B. Strickland
		Jeanette F. Magee	Chester	26	Office Work	Charles M. Costas, Ethel M. Leech	2	Joseph R. O'Connor
		Arthur P. Graham	Chester	18	Lithographer	William L. Manning, Margaret S. Bailey	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Barbara J. Zimmer	Virginia	28	Bookkeeper	Norman S. Magee, Mary E. Gallahe	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Alfred F. Delory	Deerfield	20	Student	Olin P. Graham, Gertrude Parks	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
		Arlene F. Roberts	Chester	22	Plumbers Helper	William O. Zimmer, Charlotte T. Conley	1	J. Stanley Dahlman
				20	Clerk	Harry S. Roberts, Cora I. Collins	1	J. Stanley Dahlman

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 19	Chester	Hicks, E. Adelaide	63	Medford, Mass.	George E. Russell	Eva Cox
Feb. 23	Chester	Gera, Theodore	61	Austria	Isado Gera	Not Known
Mar. 23	Exeter	Simoneau, Prosper	86	Waterville, Canada	Alex Simoneau	Phoeble Bontlier
Apr. 24	Chester	Purinton, Alice M.	91	Chester	Moses Webster	Martha Gibson
May 29	East Derry	Martin, Edith	65	Isle of Maine	Joseph Mullin	Anne Christian
June 16	Chester	Sweeney, M. Ellen	92	Chester	Joseph Small	Lovinda Lovering
June 17	Exeter	Beeman, Eva A.	66	N. Berwick, Me.	Clarence Getchell	Not Known
June 27	East Derry	Mackintosh, Lillian S.	64	Chester	George Mackintosh	Marilla Dunnell
Aug. 17	Cumberland, Me.	Andrews, William D.	23	Mass.	William D. Andrews	Ethel Fuller
Sept. 3	East Derry	Lewis, Farish G.	84	Nova Scotia	Robert Lewis	Melvina Hardy
Sept. 26	Chester	Goldsmith, Nathan W.	94	Chester	Nathan B. Goldsmith	Harriett N. MacDuffy
Oct. 4	East Derry	Emerson, Edith D.	74	Auburn	John Davis	Sylvania Clark
Nov. 5	Chester	Eddy, Benj. F.	93	Phila., Penn.	Richard Eddy	Sara Stoddard
Nov. 24	East Derry	Colby, Katherine V.	82	Manchester	John Ramsey	Lydia Morse
Nov. 25	Chester	Hazelton, Hannah M.	88	Chester	John G. Hall	Eliza Rist Ellis
Dec. 2	East Derry	Berry, Walter L.	80	Lebanon	Steeleman P. Berry	Josephine Hoyt

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

Carrie A. Richardson, Town Clerk

